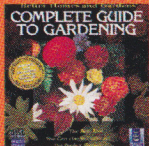
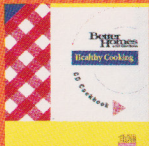


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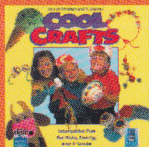
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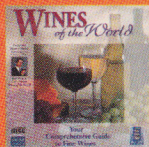
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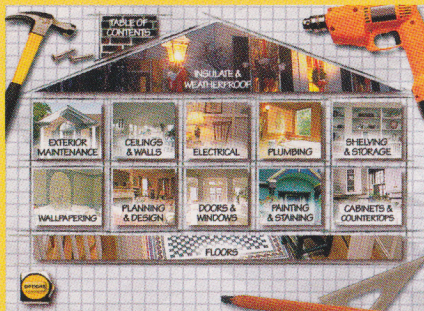
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Main Screen

From **Main** you can navigate to any topic level in the program. There is also a **Table of Contents** available from this screen.



Tape Measure

Click on the tape measure to find **Help**, **Index**, **Print**, **Sound**, and **Quit**. Click on the tape measure again to retract it. The tape measure appears on every screen.



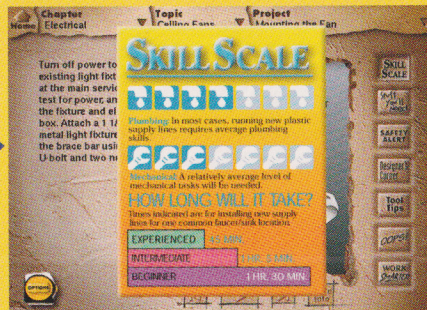
Chapter Introduction

Each chapter begins with an optional introduction presented by a Home Depot expert. To view a project, first select a topic from the pull-down menu at the top of the screen. Then choose a project from the menu on the upper-right side of your screen.



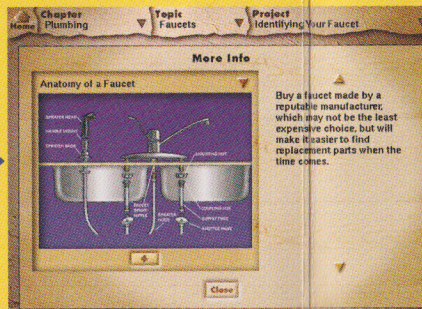
Project Screen

View each step of the project one-by-one, or click on play for all the steps in sequence. You may print each project's instructions and illustrations from **Print** in the tape measure. Note that some projects contain video, while others use a narrated slide show format.



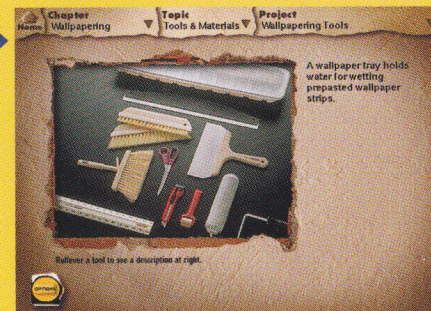
Special Tips

Each project includes additional support information, such as **Homer's Hintsights**, **Safety Alerts**, and **Time Savers**. Be sure to check out all the tips available for each project.



More Info

Click on **More Info** for extra information about the project you're working on. More animations, diagrams, and excellent tips are available from this screen.



Tools & Materials

Use the **Topic** pull-down menu in each chapter to find an interactive **Tools and Materials** section. Roll the cursor over an item for definitions or for more clarification about the subject.

Safety

Working on your home can be fun, it certainly has economic rewards, and many people even find it personally satisfying. However, above all else you must remember that it can also be dangerous.

Throughout this book we give safety warnings where most needed and show sound practices. However, you should add a good dose of common sense every time you reach for a power tool, climb a ladder, or start a new project.

Do-it-yourself work involves sharp and often powerful tools. Keeping yourself out of harm's way should be your top priority. Before operating any power tool, carefully read the owner's manual for safety information. The manufacturer's instructions are your best guide.

Cutting and shaping various materials invariably involves working with materials that can and do splinter, chip, and break. Your eyes and skin are little match for these sharp materials. Wear protective gloves whenever they will not hinder your handling of tools, and whenever in doubt, wear protective eye wear.

Materials can be heavy. You may hate to admit it, but you're not as strong as you may think. Handling heavy materials can put you in awkward positions, and will subject your body to stress. Your body, especially your back, must last a lifetime. Get help when moving heavy materials and learn to lift properly.

It should go without saying that working with electricity can be a life and death matter. Always double-check to make sure the power is off at the breaker box before you start working with wiring. Once the power is off mark the breaker box so someone else will not turn it on while you are working with wiring.

Falls are the most common cause of injuries in the home. Extreme care must be used when working with ladders. Check that the ladder is properly erected, that it is on a firm and level surface, and that you will not be exceeding its recommended uses.

The Red Tape of Home Improvements

Just about every local government has its own zoning regulations and building codes. In some regions homeowners are free to do most anything they like within the exterior walls of their home; in other locales, homeowner's options are more tightly regulated.

Basically, zoning codes regulate the types of construction you may undertake on your lot, while building codes regulate the way construction and repairs must be done. Your projects must comply with both sets of regulations.

Although there are several national codes that serve as models for local building codes, we can't tell you what you can and cannot do to your home in your locality. What we can tell you with absolute certainty is that you must check with local authorities before you begin any project.

You should have a clear understanding of what your local ordinances will and will not allow before you even begin to plan your project. Your local home improvement retailer can give you good advice and direction about local codes, but if you have the slightest doubt about what is or isn't

allowed, check it out with local authorities! The consequences of violating zoning and building codes can be severe, in some cases requiring you to have the work professionally checked, in other cases requiring you literally to tear the work down completely.

In short, do not try to short circuit your local ordinances. Know what they will let you do, and what they will not. Know when you need a permit, and always get a permit before you begin work.

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